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1. The reply brief filed 9/20/2004 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

However, it is noted that

A) In the Examiner's Answer, page 2, Section 4, Applicants correctly point out that:

"The amendment after final rejection filed on 12/23/2003" should be

--"Reply to Final Office Action Dated September 24, 2003 filed on 12/23/2003"--; and

"The amendment after final rejection filed on 3/17/2004" should be

--"Reply to Advisory Action Dated January 13, 2005 filed on 3/17/2005"--

B) Amberg et al. does teach each of his "order" is, at least, equivalent to each "location scenario" as recited in the plain language of the claim. Accordingly Amberg et al. indeed teach "configuration characteristics for the software system being determined based on the location scenario". Because in Amberg et al., at least each order, build-to-order, must return back to a unique identifier (specific location scenario) according to a customer-specific information (E.g. see col. 5:54-65, with emphasis added); the build-to-order is also provided to the software installation and testing system (E.g. see col. 5:47-50).

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang J Tang whose telephone number is (571) 272-3705. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 7:00PM (Monday – Thursday). Any

inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the **TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.**

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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